

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

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2. ☐ **Certain claims were found unsearchable** (See Box I).

3. ☐ **Unity of invention is lacking** (see Box II).

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- ☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.
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6. The figure of the **drawings** to be published with the abstract is Figure No.

- ☐ as suggested by the applicant.
- ☐ because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.
- ☐ because this figure better characterizes the invention.

☐ None of the figures.

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
 IPC 7 A61K7/06 A61P17/08

According to international Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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X	WO 97 02041 A (CRANDALL WILSON T) 23 January 1997 (1997-01-23) page 1, line 19-25; claims 1,7,9,10,13,14,19; example 4 page 5, line 30 -page 6, line 11 page 2, line 29 -page 3, line 12 ---	1-16
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☒ Patent family members are listed in annex.

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